

House Resolution No. 3716

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Americans who admirably answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in the various branches which make up the United States military during times of worldwide turmoil; and

Whereas, the state of Missouri provided many of the twenty-seven officers and two hundred ninety-five sailors who manned the USS Audrain during its service as a Gilliam Class Attack Transport (APA-59) in the Pacific Ocean during World War II; and

Whereas, the USS Audrain was laid down on December 1, 1943, as a Maritime Commission type hull under Maritime Commission contract at Consolidated Steel Corporation at Wilmington, California; and

Whereas, launched on April 21, 1944, the USS Audrain was acquired by the United States Navy on September 1, 1944, and commissioned on September 2, 1944; and

Whereas, the USS Audrain's displacement was approximately 7,080 tons fully loaded, and the vessel measured four hundred twenty-six feet in length and fifty-eight feet in beam, had a sixteen foot draft, and made 16.9 knots when underway; and

Whereas, powered by a Westinghouse Turbo-electric drive with two boilers, the USS Audrain generated six thousand shaft horsepower to drive twin propellers; and

Whereas, the USS Audrain was armed with a single 5-inch/38 dual purpose gun mount, four twin 40mm gun mounts, and ten single 20mm gun mounts; and

Whereas, the USS Audrain earned one battle star for World War II service which included the transport of troops to the Philippines and Okinawa and the transfer of occupation personnel to Japan after that country's surrender; and

Whereas, members of the USS Audrain crew earned the American Campaign Medal, two Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medals, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia clasp, and a Philippines Liberation Medal prior to the ship's decommissioning on May 15, 1946:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the officers and sailors who served aboard the USS Audrain during World War II and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their stellar record of military service; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the USS Audrain.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte, Dist. #10

Representative Wes Shoemyer, Dist. #9

Representative Steve Hobbs, Dist. #21

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3716, adopted June 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker